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TREASURY FOR FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL MR. SUMMERFIELD

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO SINGAPORE, APRIL 24,
FROM KUALA LUMPUR RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 2220

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ESTC EFIN EAID CB BEN
SUBJ: BLOCKED PRIVATE ACCOUNT OF FORMER GKR AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 091120

1. FORMER GKR AMBASSADOR NONG KIMNY CALLED ON ME TODAY.
HE SAID THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK HAD REJECTED HIS APPLICATION
AND THOSE OF OTHER AMBASSADORS IN THE AREA TO CONTINUE
TO SERVE. THIS DECISION, HE WENT ON, DIDN'T AFFECT HIM
SINCE HE HAD INTENDED TO RETIRE IN ANY CASE. THE PLEDGE
OF LOYALTY TO SIHANOUK HAD BEEN DONE, HE SAID, AT THE
REQUEST OF HIS EMBASSY SUBORDINATES, AND HE HAD AGREED TO A
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COMMON FRONT TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF A SPLIT. HE SAID
HE WAS EIGHT YEARS BEYOND THE RETIREMENT AGE AND HAD
NO INTENTION OF SERVING A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. HE
HAS APPLIED FOR A VISA TO FRANCE AND INTENDS TO LEAVE

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS THAT HE ASKED THE FNCB BRANCH IN SINGAPORE TO TRANSFER HIS PRIVATE ACCOUNT TO FNCB GENEVA. THIS WAS REFUSED, PRESUMABLY AS A RESULT OF THE TREASURY ACTION OF APRIL 17. AMBASSADOR NONG KIMNY SAID THAT THESE WERE HIS PRIVATE FUNDS, THAT FUNDS OF THE MISSION WERE DEPOSITED IN THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE BANK D'INDOCHINE. HE ASKED IF I COULD REQUEST WASHINGTON TO UNBLOCK HIS PRIVATE FUNDS, AND I UNDERTOOK TO DO SO.

3. NONY KIMNY THROUGH HIS LONG SERVICE IN WASHINGTON IS WELL KNOWN, AND I BELIEVE THAT HE IS BEING COMPLETELY TRUTHFUL IN HIS STATEMENT THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO SERVE THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA. HE IS NOW 63 YEARS OLD AND HAS CHILDREN RESIDING IN FRANCE. HE TOLD ME PRIVATELY SOME WEEKS AGO THAT IF THE KHMER REPUBLIC FELL, HE WOULD GO TO FRANCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE KIMNY IS NOW A PRIVATE CITIZEN AND IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF CAMBODIA, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INFORM FNCB SINGAPORE AND GENEVA THAT HIS ACCOUNT MAY BE UNBLOCKED REQUEST ALSO THIS ACTION BE TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE IMMINENCE OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM KUALA LUMPUR. UNDERHILL UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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